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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

At the first session of the Ad hoc Working Group on Comparative Experiences with Privatization, a Bureau was elected, consisting of a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that it will remain in office during the entire duration of the life of the Ad hoc Working Group.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the third session was approved by the Ad hoc Working Group at its second session.

A proposal for the organization of work of the third session is given in section III below.

Item 3: Review of country presentations in the light of a cross-country analysis by the secretariat on the design, implementation and results of privatization programmes

At the request of the Ad hoc Working Group, the secretariat had submitted to the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group a report entitled "Design, implementation and results of privatization programmes: a cross-country analysis of experiences" (TD/B/WG.3/7). A substantially revised version is being submitted to the third session in TD/B/WG.3/7/Rev.1. This report has been revised in the light of the discussions held at the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group and in order to take into account the country presentations which were received too late for the preparation of the earlier version and those that were submitted to the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

The analysis is based on the country presentations and statements of national experts submitted to the Ad Hoc Working Group from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Colombia, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States of America and Venezuela. Some examples from other country experiences have also been added for illustrative purposes.

The analysis is organized according to the structure of the work programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group adopted at its first session. It attempts to compare and synthesize the different elements contained in the country experiences with privatization, as described in the country submissions. Under each topic, a short statement of the issues raised by the country experiences and of related policy conclusions is provided, and illustrative examples are given showing how the issues have been or are being addressed.

Item 4: In-depth consideration of: (i) Competition and the regulation of privatized monopolies 1/ (ii) Social impact and socially-related support measures

The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues paper (TD/B/WG.3/11) which attempts to give an overview of the main issues relating to two topics and which also raises a number of issues for discussion by the Ad Hoc Working Group. A number of national experts will be invited to submit contributions and to initiate an in-depth consideration of these two topics by the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 5: Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group

A draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Working Group for consideration.

Item 6: Other business

Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

Paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group states that the Working Group "may submit interim reports and shall submit a final report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board".

1/ It is understood that this topic would also cover the privatization of public utilities.

III. TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

		Plenary
Monday 29 November	a.m.	Opening of the session
		Informal meeting
		Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		Item 4: In-depth consideration of:
		(i) Competition and the regulation of privatized monopolies
	p.m.	idem
Tuesday 30 November	a.m.	Item 4: In-depth consideration of:
		(ii) Social impact and socially-related support measures
	p.m.	idem
Wednesday 1 December	a.m.	Item 3: Review of country presentations in the light of a cross-country analysis by the secretariat on the design implementation and results of privatization programmes
	p.m.	idem
Thursday 2 December	a.m.	Conclusion of consideration of items 3 and 4
		Item 6: Other business
	p.m.	No meeting to allow time for the preparation of the draft report
Friday 3 December	a.m.	idem
		Plenary
	p.m.	Items 3 and 4 (concluded)
		Item 5: Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group
		Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

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